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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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11 BONNI L. MALONE,

12 Plaintiff(s),

13 v.

14 NANCY A. BERRYHILL,

15 Defendant(s).

Case No.: 2:19-cv-00150-APG-NJK

**Order**

[Docket No. 25]

16 On May 3, 2019, the Court denied Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel and  
17 extended the deadline for her opening motion to be filed to July 3, 2019. Docket No. 24. Now  
18 pending before the Court is Plaintiff's renewed motion for appointment of counsel. Docket No.  
19 25. The Commissioner did not respond to the motion.

20 As the Court explained previously, it cannot make coercive appointments of counsel in  
21 civil cases involving *in forma pauperis* litigants and requesting counsel for such litigants is done  
22 only in "exceptional circumstances." *See* Docket No. 24. The Court is not persuaded that  
23 exceptional circumstances have been shown in this case, so the Court hereby **DENIES** the motion  
24 for appointment of counsel.

25 The Court does, however, have a Pro Bono Pilot Program through which it can attempt to  
26 locate attorneys who might be willing to represent a litigant without charge. *See* General Order  
27 2014-01. Referral of a case to that pilot program is entirely discretionary. *See id.* Having  
28 considered the pertinent factors, the Court hereby **REFERS** Plaintiff to the Pro Bono Pilot

1 Program. Again, the Court cautions that referral to the program does not guarantee that an attorney  
2 will be located to assist Plaintiff on this case, only that efforts will be made to find one.

3 In light of the above, the Court also **EXTENDS** the deadline for Plaintiff to file her opening  
4 motion to September 30, 2019. This deadline applies regardless of whether Plaintiff has obtained  
5 counsel by that date.

6 Accordingly, the motion for appointment of counsel is **DENIED**, this case is **REFERRED**  
7 to the Pro Bono Pilot Program, and the deadline for Plaintiff to file her opening motion is  
8 **EXTENDED** to September 30, 2019.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: July 23, 2019

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13 Nancy J. Koppe  
14 United States Magistrate Judge  
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